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SUMMARY: THE SLOW PACE OF PRC INTERNAL AFFAIRS THIS WEEK APPEARS TO REFLECT THE INVOLVEMENT OF MANY NATIONAL LEADERS WITH INTERNATIONAL MATTERS AND WITH RECENT ECONOMIC STOCK-TAKING. ON THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL A THIRD OF CHINA'S PROVINCES HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE TASK OF CONVENING PEASANT CONGRESSES AS PART OF REBUILDING NATIONAL LEVEL MASS ORGANIZATIONS. THE DPRK-PRC JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH EMERGED FROM THE KIM IL-SUNG VISIT CONTAINS NO DEPARTURES FROM KNOWN OR PRESUMED PRC STANDS OR POSITIONS. A PRC FONMIN STATEMENT OF APRIL 29 IN SUPPORT OF THE PRC AND DRV PRONOUNCEMENTS REPEATS STANDARD THEMES THAT THE US IS NOT YET RESIGNED TO DEFEAT AND THAT VIETNAMESE GOALS OF REUNIFICATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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1. INTERNAL SCENE

WHILE MAY DAY TOMORROW AND THE OBSERVATION OF YOUTH DAY ON MAY 4 PROVIDE OCCASIONS FOR THE REGIME TO SHARPEN THE FOCUS, DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BECOME BLURRED IN RECENT WEEKS. FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE OCCUPIED MANY IN THE TOP LEADERSHIP,

BUT IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT PARIL HAS BEEN A MONTH OF STOCK-TAKING AT HOME AS FIRST QUARTER RESULTS IN THE CALLED-FOR UPSURGE IN THE ECONOMY ARE COLLECTED AND ASSESSED. ALONG THE SPECTRUM OF REGIME PROGRAMS AND POLICIES, WHILE THERE ARE FLICKERS OF TROUBLE SUCH AS A NEW DEBATE ON EDUCATION POLICY (HK 4571), NOTHING IS BEING PARTICULARLY PUSHED TO NEW HEIGHTS, INCLUDING EXHORTATIONS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION AND PROMOTE STABILITY AND UNITY, AND THE NASCENT DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN HAS GONE SLACK. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. MASS ORGANIZATIONS

AS PREPARATIONS ADVANCE FOR CONVENING NATIONAL CONGRESSES OF THE YOUTH, LABOR AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS (WR 17), THE REBUILDING OF THE PEASANT'S ASSOCIATION AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL ALSO GOES AHEAD. WITH THE OPENING APRIL 29 OF SHANGTUNG'S PEASANT CONGRESS, NINE PROVINCES, ONE-THIRD OF THE PRC'S PROVINCIAL -LEVEL UNITS, HAVE COMPLETED THIS LAST TASK IN REBUILDING THE PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION STRUCTURE OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

3. KIM IL -SUNG'S VISIT

THE KIM IL-SUNG VISIT TO PEKING, AS REFLECTED BY THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, INDICATES THE PRC DID NOT ENCOURAGE KIM IN A MILITANT LINE ON KOREAN REUNIFICATION BUT CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. THE CHINESE DID NOT DEPART FROM KNOWN OR RESUMED PRC STANDS OR POSITIONS ALTHOUGH INCLUSION OF THE DESCRIPTION OF THE DPRK AS THE "SOLE LEGAL SOVEREIGN STATE OF THE KOREAN NATION", WOULD APPEAR TO BE A PRC ASSURANCE NOT TO TOY WITH POSSIBILITY FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ROK. AT THE SAME TIME, THE DPRK APPARENTLY KEPT ITS SOVIET OPTION OPEN AND RESISTED

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ANY POSSIBLE PRC ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE ANTI-SOVIET COMMENTS INTO THE COMMUNIQUE. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO IN HONG KONG IN AN APRIL 29 COMMENTARY REFUTED "INCORRECT SPECULATION" BY THE FOREIGN PRESS THAT THE DPRK MIGHT "STIR UP TROUBLE" AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CURRENT CONFUSED ASIAN SITUATION, A FURTHER INDICATION OF PRC INTEREST IN "PEACEFUL" KOREAN REUNIFICATION (HK 4663 AND 4590, PEKING 802).

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4. VIETNAM

A PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF APRIL 29 EXPRESSED THE FIRM SUPPORT OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE PRC AND DRVN STATEMENTS OF APRIL 26 AND 27. STILL CLINGING TO THE LINE THAT THE US IS "NOT RESIGNED TO DEFEAT", THE

STATEMENT CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED "COMPLETE VICTORY" IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL CONCORD AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. PEOPLE'S DAILY APRIL 26 CRITICIZED THE ALLEGED USE OF "DEPRESSION BOMBS" IN SVN (HK 4588), AND A PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL (AND MUCH NCNA REPLAY OF INTRA -INDOCHINESE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES MARKED THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE'S SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND CALLED FOR FULFILLMENT OF ITS AIMS (HK 4530). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. CAMBODIA

CHINA SEEMS TO BE GOING TO SPECIAL LENGTHS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT "SINO-CAMBODIAN BROTHERHOOD IS EVERGREEN". SIX PIECES BY AND ABOUT A PRC JOURNALIST DELEGATION'S VISIT TO CAMBODIA IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN MARCH MADE MUCH OF ITS CLAIM TO BE THE ONLY FOREIGN PRESS DELEGATION TO VISIT THE PHON PENH FRONT. THE DELEGATION MET WITH KHIEU SAMPHAN, HU NIM, HOU YOUN, AND SON SEN, AND GIFTS OFFERED BY THE GRATEFUL CAMBODIAN INCLUDED CAPTURED US ARMS AND ARTILLERY , WHICH THE CHINESE PROMISED TO PICK UP AFTER PHON PENH WAS LIBERATED. EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DELEGATION'S TRIP, REPORTEDLY THE FIRST PRC VISIT TO CAMBIDIA SINCE 1970, POLITBURO MEMBERS YAO WEN-YUAN AND CHIN TENG-KUEI RECEIVED THE GROUP UPON RETURN TO PEKING (NCNA , APRIL 22-28). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. LI HSIEN-NIEN'S TRAVELS

PRC MEDIA HAVE PUBLICLY LINKED VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S TRIPS TO IRAN AND PAKISTAN BY REPORTING THAT HE RETURNED TO PEKING APRIL 20 FROM THE TWO VISITS. FROM IRAN LI APPARENTLY RETURNED TO URUMCHI IN CHINA'S SINKIANG PROVINCE APRIL 10 AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL HIS APRIL 20 DEPARTURE FOR PAKISTAN. WE HAVE HEARD THE DELAY WAS CAUSED BY INTERNAL PAKISTANI DIFFICULTIES IN PREPARING FOR THE VISIT. AFTER DEPARTING RAWALPINDI (WR 17), LI CONTINUED ON TO LAHORE AND KARACHI BEARING THE MESSAGE OF SINO-PAKISTANI FRIENDSHIP AND OPPOSITION TO INDIAN EXPANSIONISM AND SOVIET THREATS IN SOUTH ASIA (NCNA, APRIL 23-26). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

7. INDIAN ANNEXATION OF SIKKIM

THE PRC GOVERNMENT APRIL 29 ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT EXPRESSING CHINA'S "UTMOST INDIGNATION AND STRONG CONDEMNATION" OF INDIA'S RECENT ANNEXATION OF SIKKIM. THE BELATED OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENT REITERATES KNOWN PRC POSITIONS, DOES NOT ATTACK INDIAN OFFICIALS BY NAME, AND LEAVES INDIAN PUNISHMENT TO HISTORY. COMING JUST THREE DAYS AFTER VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN, THE STATEMENT PROBABLY RESULTED FROM PAKISTANI PROMPTINGS AND PAKISTANI CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS OF CHINESE INTEREST IN IMPROVING SINO-INDIAN TIES (HK 4655). CONFIDENTIAL

8. PEKING-TAIPEI AND THE "KMT WAR CRIMINALS" IN HONG KONG

IN APPLYING FOR ENTRY AT A DESIGNATED GEC-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION HERE, SEVERAL OF THE TEN RECENTLY-AMNESTIED "KMT WAR CRIMINALS" IN HONG KONG HOPING TO REUNITE WITH RELATIVES
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AND FRIENDS HAVE MOVED A STEP CLOSER TO FULFILLING TAIWAN'S PRECONDITIONS FOR THEIR ENTRY. HOWEVER, NONE OF THE TEN ELDERLY SOLDIERS HAVE YET COMPLIED WITH TAIWAN DEMANDS THAT THEY PUBLICLY VOICE ANTI-COMMUNIST, ANTI-MAOIST SENTIMENT (APPARENTLY PRIOR TO DEPARTING HONG KONG). AS THE MEN WAIT, PEKING CONTINUES TO PUSH ITS PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE HOPING TO ACHIEVE A FIRST "UNITED FRONT" TYPE CONTACT WITH TAIPEI. PRC MEDIA HAVE FEATURED COMMENTARIES FROM AMNESTIED "KMT WAR CRIMINALS" IN CHINA WHICH PORTRAY TAIWAN AS HYPOCRITICAL AND CALLOUS AND CHALLENGE TAIWAN'S CLAIM OF BEING A FREE SOCIETY. STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE CARRIED IN THE LOCAL INDEPENDENT PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENCE TO HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS AND THUS CREATED FURTHER IMPRESSIONS OF TAIWAN'S INFLEXIBILITY AND INSENSITIVITY (HONG KONG 4636 AND 4328).

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9. PORTUGAL AND MACAU

DRAWING FROM LISBON REPORTS, NCNA ON APRIL 28 NOTED THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY RANKED FIRST AMONG SOME TWELVE PARTIES IN THE APRIL 25 PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS HELD ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE "FASCIST REGIME." ALTHOUGH THE REPORT STATED THE SOCIALISTS AND THEIR ALLIES GAINED 64 PERCENT OF VOTES CAST, IT DID NOT MENTION THE MOSCOW-BACKED PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT AS A RESULT OF A PRE-ELECTION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, THE RULING REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT WILL RETAIN POWER. MEANWHILE, VOTERS IN MACAU HAVE ELECTED THE MORE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION FOR DEFENSE OF MACAU INTERESTS (ADIM) CANDIDATE, DR. DIAMANTINO FERREIRA,

AS THE TINY ENCLAVE'S REPRESENTATIVE TO PORTUGAL'S
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. UNCLASSIFIED

10. YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC DELEGATION

PRC MEDIA HAVE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO A VISITING
DELEGATION FROM THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR) LED BY LT.
COLONEL MUJAHED ABU SHAWAREB, MEMBER OF THE YAR COMMAND
COUNCIL AND DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.
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AT AN APRIL 26 BANQUET HONORING THE DELEGATION, VICE PREMIER
CHEN HSI-LIEN PRAISED THE YAR'S POLICIES OF PEACE, NEUTRALITY
AND NON-ALIGNMENT. IN PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN
CAUSE, CHEN TOOK THE USUAL SWIPE AT THE SOVIETS AND AT THE
SUPERPOWERS' MIDDLE EAST POSTURES. IN RESPONSE, SHAWAREB
AGREED THAT TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINA, PRAISED THE PRG AND
GRUNK, AND PLEDGED SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREA AND THE SOUTHERN
AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE VISIT SEEMS FOCUSED ON
MILITARY MATTERS AND IS BEING HANDLED BY THE PLA (CHEN
HSI-LIEN IS ALSO PEKING MILITARY REGIONAL COMMANDER).
(NCNA, APRIL 25-28). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. LATIN AMERICA

APPARENTLY IN A BID TO EXPAND ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THE PRC HAS RECENTLY PLAYED UP
ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PANAMA, BOLIVIA, AND EL SALVADOR,
ALL OF WHICH STILL MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH TAIWAN.
FROM APRIL 4 TO 17 A CHINESE EXHIBITION IN PANAMA WAS GIVEN
GOOD PRC MEDIA COVERAGE. HEAD OF THE EXHIBIT, LI YUNG-TING,
BROKE AWAY FOR AN APRIL 6-12 VISIT TO BOLIVIA TO ATTEND THE
TUNGSTEN PRODUCING NATIONS' MEETING AND WHILE THERE CALLED
ON THE MINISTER OF MINING AND METALLURGY. CURRENTLY, AN
EL SALVADORAN VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CASTANEDA
CORNEJO, IS VISITING PEKING AND ON APRIL 29 MET WITH FONMIN
CHIAO KUAN-HUA. (NCNA, APRIL 4-29). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

12. LAW OF THE SEA

CHINA CONTINUED TO GIVE OCCASIONAL COVERAGE TO LOS CONFERENCE
DEVELOPMENTS, CONCENTRATING ON THE NEED FOR A STRONG SEABED
AUTHORITY AND THE EXCLUSIVE NATURE OF THE "ECONOMIC ZONE,"
WHICH THE PRC CONTENDS IS NOT PART OF THE HIGH SEAS BUT FALLS
UNDER COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION. IN APPARENT CONNECTION
WITH THIS THEME, THE USSR RATED A LONG CORRESPONDENT'S
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